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Improving Trial Court Facilities: Fiscal Year 2009–2010 Funding Requests

Riverside—New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse

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In April 2008, the Judicial Council updated its Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan that includes 152 new-construction, major renovation, and expansion projects estimated to cost \$9.3 billion (January 2008 dollars). The Initial funding request for these eight referenced projects was \$88.2 million for the 2009–2010 Fiscal Year, which would be funded by the Immediate and Critical Needs Account of the State Court Facilities Fund in proposed court revenue bond legislation Senate Bill 1407 (Perata). Their total project costs are estimated to be \$1.4 billion. If approved, these projects mark important progress toward implementing needed projects for trial courts across California.

New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse

A new Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse is proposed by the AOC for initial funding of \$4.42 million for FY 2009–2010. The new facility will house 5 courtrooms. The estimated total cost for this courthouse of approximately 67,900 gross square feet is \$83.35 million (escalated to construction mid-point in Summer 2013). This project is ranked in the Immediate Need Project Priority Group of the Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan and is one of the highest priority capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch.

Lack of Security, Severe Overcrowding, Poor Physical Conditions, and Reduced Access to Court Services

Juvenile and family court services in the Desert Region of Riverside County are served by two existing trial court locations: Juvenile Court and Larson Justice Center. The Juvenile Court, in particular, is functionally deficient, overcrowded, and among the worst in the state in terms of security. Family courtrooms at the Larson Justice Center are significantly undersized by current design standards. The existing facilities will remain incapable of meeting the region's growing demand for court services. The overcrowding and lack of proper security at the existing facilities and the public's

hindered access to court services are among the reasons why the proposed new Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse is urgently needed.



Prisoner Waiting Area in Corridor Used by Judicial Officers and Staff

Long-term Funding Needs

The California legislature is considering authorizing a revenue bond to pay for the state's most urgently needed court projects. This legislation proposes increasing criminal penalties and other filing fees to be contributed to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund for the sole purpose of funding court construction projects.

More Information

A project feasibility report for the New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse, dated July 1, 2008, was prepared by AOC staff. This report documents the poor functional and physical conditions of the existing Indio Juvenile court facility in Riverside County, explores options for how best to meet the needs of the court and of the public, and estimates the cost to construct a new facility. This document can be downloaded from the following Web site:

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/pfr-riverside.pdf

For further information, please email the AOC-Office of Court Construction and Management at OCCM@jud.ca.gov.